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WAR & PEACE

U.S. heads for an explosion as 'allied' rebellion grows

STILL more spending for war: that was the theme of Armed Forces day in Washington, where observances coincided with Pentagon-Administration efforts to push the 8-billion-dollar Mutual Security program through a tax-conscious Congress. (The Senate Foreign Relations Comm. had cut it by one billion, the Armed Services Comm. defeated by one vote a further $400,000,000 slash.) The President said the one-billion cut risked U.S. defeat in the cold war; Eisenhower accepted this cut, warned that any more would force wholesale revision of U.S. plans in Western Europe; Taft wanted to cut another billion.

While the **Wall St. Journal** (5/13) chided the "war hawks" for trying "to threaten and . . . to scare Congress" into yielding its "power of the purse," the House showed its determination to hold on to this power in some matters anyway: it voted to reduce its own taxes—"offsetting" Congressmen's "need to pay taxes on their expense allowances and their $12,500 a year salaries" (N.Y. **Times,** 5/16).

DULLES "SYNTHESIZES": Speeches of "war hawk" leaders betrayed an uneasiness reflecting but mildly the crisis in strategy of the whole Atlantic-colonial alliance, growing out of its clash with rising opposition and economic reality throughout the world. Eisenhower, on a farewell visit to London, conceded "force of arms" was not enough; Acheson talked of satisfying "the wants of people."

John Foster Dulles (**Life,** 5/19), in one of a series of pronouncements attempting a "synthesis of all the prevailing views on foreign policy" (N.Y. **Times,** 5/17), admitted the worldwide drain of U.S. friendships and prestige; called for an open U.S. declaration that its goal is "liberation" of the "nations of Europe and Asia now dominated by Moscow"; for an ultimatum backed by the threat of sea and air attack if Washington saw fit to call any revolution "Soviet aggression." Such moves would not provoke an armed Soviet reply, he wrote, because:

> **The plainest of these facts [which we cannot ignore] is that the Kremlin has not used its Red Armies for open military conquest even in these past years when there were no military obstacles in their path.**

Washington's policies were being punctured throughout the globe:

Action, Paris

"Gentlemen, are we going to let a pack of grocers sabotage our work?"

Germany

On the eve of the scheduled signing of the "peace contract" by the Adenauer government, the powerful Social Democratic Party formally rejected it, criticizing the secrecy in which it had been negotiated, demanding new negotiations on "genuine equality" and debate on the drafts in parliament, insisting reunification must come first.

Although the contract will be initialed despite last-minute snags over West Germany's cash contribution to "Western defense," the U.S. which "bet its money" on Adenauer (**WSJ,** 5/15)

> **. . . is now in great danger of losing this foreign policy gamble. . . . [In addition to] the scope of the opposition [which] indicates that both Chancellor Adenauer and the U.S. authorities may have misjudged the true post-war sentiments and self interests of the German people [there is] the fact that the Chancellor's own uneasy coalition government is coming apart at the seams over the same issues.**

Adenauer was so uncertain of getting parliament to ratify that he asked U.S. High Commissioner McCloy to stay in Bonn until that was achieved.

FUMBLING DIPLOMACY: With elections due in 1953 in which Adenauer's defeat is predicted, U.S. strategy toward Soviet proposals for a prompt settlement is "to gain time" and "to put the Russians in the position of having to say 'No' " (**New Statesman & Nation,** 5/17). The West waited five weeks to answer the Soviet note of April 9; said negotiations on an all-German peace treaty were impossible because there was no all-German government; proposed an "impartial commission" to study the possibility of "free all-German elections" and make recommendations which the four powers could then discuss, perhaps after discussion hold elections provided East Germany complied with certain conditions; gave the show away by declaring that four-power negotiations were impossible until

> **. . . it is clearly apparent that it is the intention of the Soviet Government to avoid the fruitless negotiations of the past.**

There was little evidence to justify the N.Y. **Herald Tribune's** (5/18) description of the Western reply as "one of the most important diplomatic victories of the cold war." The London **Times** (5/14) said the West must decide between German integration with the West—hence, continued German division with all its dangers—and modification of plans for European defense. It warned that any international agreement must be based on both parties' belief that they have something to gain from it; if agreement were not reached soon along some line of neutralizing Germany, "there should then be nothing to negotiate about."

The attitude of Washington's allies

(Continued on Page 3)

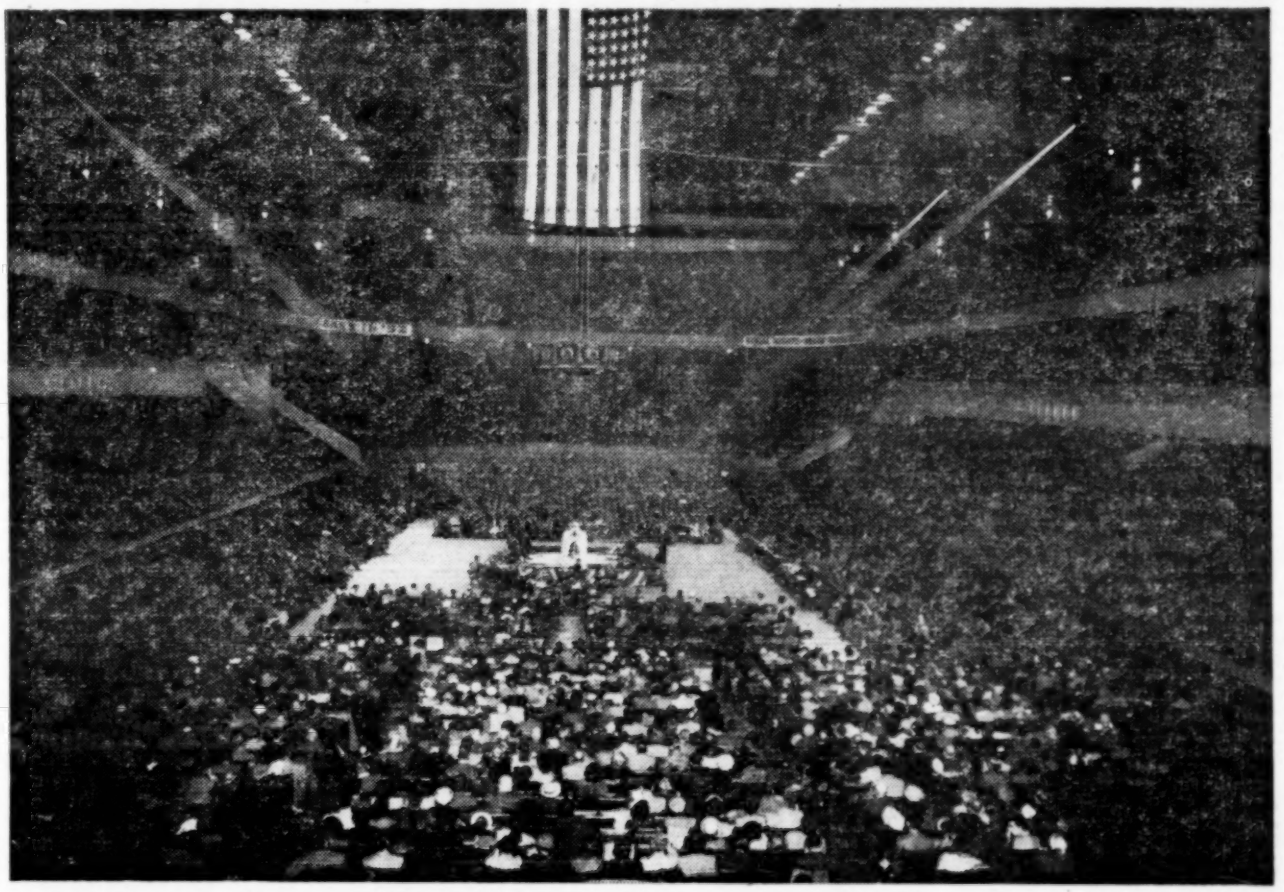
What's America to you?

Federal Judge Charles A. Dewey today refused American citizenship to three Greater Miami housewives because he said they were linked with . . . the Intl. Workers Order.

"How dare you have the nerve to come up here and ask to be citizens?" demanded Judge Dewey. Told by all three that they had joined because they could obtain inexpensive insurance, Dewey declared: "That don't go with me. You can't fool us that way. I don't know how you expect to be an American citizen."

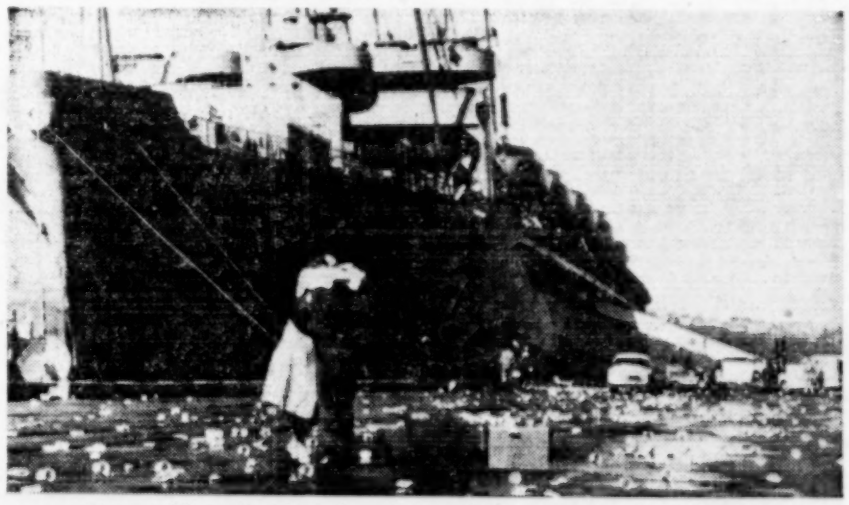
Among those admitted [to citizenship] was Salvatore Farinella, 61, tourist court operator. Farinella was convicted of murder in New Jersey in 1917, and of passing counterfeit bills in 1935. . . .

—Miami Daily News, May 14, 1952



The fight for peace goes on the offensive Photo by Jack Lessinger

The Progressive Party's national campaign for a ticket pledged to "free speech, free men living in a world of peace" was launched on May 13 by 16,000 cheering New Yorkers in Madison Square Garden. The rally marked the PP's opening gun in 1952 and the 16th birthday of the American Labor Party. There were echoes of Philadelphia, 1948, in the crowd's enthusiasm, but the speeches were seasoned by four years' experience in fighting for peace during a cold war and a hot war. The audience heard Vice-Presidential candidate Charlotta Bass, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Vito Marcantonio, Vivian Hallinan, Corliss Lamont and others (see pp. 4-5), but saved its biggest hand for the man who wasn't there: Progressive Party Presidential candidate Vincent Hallinan, a political prisoner until August.



It could rain doughnuts and they wouldn't know

Amidst a litter of paper cups on a deserted dock in Seattle a Korean War GI greets his sweetheart on his return from the battlefield. Three thousand others arrived on the same ship; but these two were REALLY glad to see each other.

Let's call the roll!

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THE MAIL BAG

He follows the horses

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The League to Maintain Civilian Control of Government (so far consisting of one member: me) makes these observations: Not so long ago Gen. MacArthur, a man-on-white-horse, returned home via the west coast. Mac, apparently, has faded away. Shortly, Gen. Eisenhower, another man-on-white-horse, will return home via the east coast. Ike hopes to fade Taft. Gen. Ridgway appears to be making a career of coming in after men-on-white-horses have left. A stable sort of job. **Martin Minha**

The Methodist conference

BRISBANE, CALIF.

Sorry to say the GUARDIAN (May 1) was misinformed as to the proceedings of the Methodist General Conference, which voted condemning the Methodist Fedn. for Social Action. S.F. Chronicle also reports that the Church's social creed was amended to include a stand for "acquisition of property by Christian processes" (what are those, pray tell?) I note that the delegates all got threatening letters from Gerald L. K. Smith insisting on condemnation of MFSA. (Question: how did the Smith gang get the names?)

Louise H. Horr

The GUARDIAN reported the Episcopal Address to the conference from the 70 Methodist bishops, in which they deplored muzzling attempts within the Church—clearly having the attack on MFSA in mind. L. H. H. properly draws attention to the report some days later of the conference itself, which ignored the bishops by "requesting" MFSA to remove "Methodist" from its name and to leave the office it has occupied in the Church's N. Y. headquarters for 33 years. The report, disapproving "many" (unidentified) MFSA policies as contrary to the Church's position (the Smith Act and China figured chiefly in the debate—two issues on which the Church has never expressed itself) was adopted after all delegates had received not only Gerald L. K. Smith's blustering letter but also a special 83-page "review" of MFSA from the Un-AAC in Washington. This prompts another question: What price separation of church and state? Ed.

How crazy can you get dept.

HARTFORD, May 7—It is not inconceivable that some young man or woman reading this page today will live to be 140. It's highly probable that thousands of today's teen-agers will notch their century with bubbling vitality. When this comes to pass, nutrition scientists say it will be the result of rising world food prices and restricted diet. In fact, 1952's rising prices may add years to our lives.

This is the startling outcome of 21 years' steadfast research under Rockefeller Foundation auspices. . . .

—Buffalo (N. Y.) Evening News, May 8.

Free one-year sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Sender of above omitted name.

Make it unanimous

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear Fellow-Readers who live out of town:

Our paper got a wonderful hand at last week's big Madison Sq. Gdn. rally. A copy of the GUARDIAN and a subscription envelope on every seat! And what's more—a rousing appeal from the platform to rally around the paper which will be in pitching for Vince Hallinan and Charlotta Bass. Won't you out-of-towners make sure that when a rally comes to your neighborhood a GUARDIAN and a sub envelope are on every seat — and in the meantime, an extra subscription from everyone for a friend?

Muriel I. Symington

He could not forget

ST. LOUIS, MO.

I have tried to forget the heart-sickening statements which appeared in the Feb. 13 GUARDIAN under the heading "EDITH SAMPSON MAKES THE GRADE." Mrs. Sampson said if Negroes didn't like conditions in the South all they had to do was to board a train, bus or plane or come North. Easy to say, isn't it? I wonder how many houses Edith could vouch for, how many jobs could she provide? It seems to me that it would have been much more honorable for her to have thrown her flowers on the graves of those of our forefathers who shouldered their muskets and fought, bled and died to make it possible for her to be able to have her picture taken by the side of Mrs. Roosevelt instead of on the poor weak ones who wept because they had been set free.

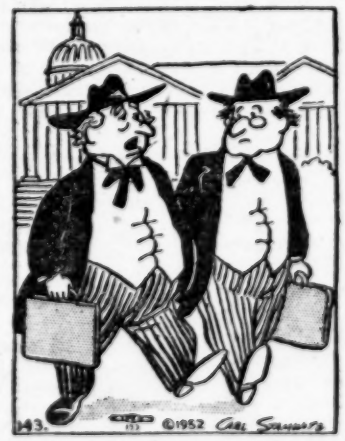
If Edith knows anything worth while that the Negro has achieved in America without blood, sweat and tears, I wish she would cite it. I will say for Edith, judging from her statements, that when she dies her masters will have lost a great investment. **J. D. Newman**

Read it well, Mr. Acheson

ST. PAUL, MINN.

A co-worker, to whom I had given a copy of the GUARDIAN, sent it to his source of solace and comfort, Sen. Hubert (Big Wind) Humphrey. A few days back my fellow-worker showed me a personal reply: Humbug Humphrey had never previously seen a copy of the GUARDIAN though he knew of its existence and was aware that it had been critical of him. He concluded that the GUARDIAN was heavily influenced by "communistic propaganda and activity," and said he would bring the GUARDIAN to the attention of the State Dept.

Sam Pavlovic



Dispatcher, I. L. W. U.

"I've pulled the wool over the workers' eyes so often, they now greet all my speeches with 'Bah!'"

Korea uncensored

STANTON, MINN.

We all know that our government is now officially claiming that the majority of the Chinese and North Korean prisoners do not desire to go back home. But on Bob Trout's CBS Sunday afternoon news broadcast a few weeks ago, the CBS chief reporter from their Far East headquarters (I believe it was George Herman)—just back in this country and speaking without censorship—said there was only an extremely small percentage of prisoners who did not desire to go home.

Mrs. J. M. Thompson

Germ warfare

REDONDO, CALIF.

The revealing article on germ warfare (GUARDIAN, April 23) should prove sufficiently factual to convince anybody willing to accept the truth, but the more evidence we can lay before the public, the better. The unabashed brutality that characterizes our "police action" in Korea is shocking to any decent mind, and incredible as the expression of a so-called Christian nation. **C. H. Turvey**

How yellow can you get?

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

I asked the Avenue Theater here why they don't run Peace Will Win; got the usual pointed smile in response. . . . But the ants built a mountain with their grains of sand.

I enclose something new at any rate to me—an "Official U. S. Treasury Poster" for Defense Bonds showing a large American flag with the red expurgated from it (the strines are yellow). **Elizabeth P. Rogers**

If capitalism would . . .

HOSMER, S. D.

Two schools of motivation govern the thinking and activity of the people of our time: namely, communism and capitalism; or unselfish cooperation and selfish competition. The former is that of the early Christians' way of life, the second that of the pagans. The first is not bolshevism, however. If capitalism would provide equality of opportunity instead of bestowing some with too much unearned wealth and others with too much poverty, it would be more fair to all of us.

J. Albert Werre

Freethinkers in N. Y.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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We proclaim faith in man rather than belief in supernaturalism, and are not confined to any particular denomination of free-thought nor affiliated with any political party. We stand for complete Church-State separation and exclusion of all religious teaching from schools, and believe that social and economic improvements fostered by equal opportunities would eventually break down the barriers of hatred and bigotry. Our Motto: Let us agree to disagree but not to be disagreeable. . . .

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Victory at Washington U.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

May 10, 1952, marked the final capitulation of the magnate-dominated Washington University Corp. to the pressure of students, faculty and Negro and white members of the community for the admission of Negroes to all branches of the university. One of the biggest student campaigns for Negro admission was the one waged by SCAN (Student Comm. for Admission of Negroes). Subsequent student activities included letters to Student Life, a continuing series of editorials and feature articles on behalf of Negro admission, several publicized petitions and faculty pressure.

John Pappademos

A Stone Age device

GUILFORD COLLEGE, N. C.

The GUARDIAN gives up-to-date news regarding a number of things at home and abroad which one needs to make a whole picture. It is for this that I value it. I am not a Socialist nor a member of the Progressive Party, but just an ordinary American who does not see any sense in repeating the blunders of the past by expecting an arms race to end otherwise than in war. War is outmoded both by the institution of civil government with courts of justice, as well as by the ethical and moral standards of the teachings of Jesus. Why do we insist on maintaining an institution which belongs only to Stone Age civilization? **Ada M. Field**

REPORT TO READERS

How Montana does it

By John Hellman
Director, Progressive Party of Montana

NATIONAL GUARDIAN has more readers per capita of population in Montana than in any other state in the Union. Why this is so is explained below. We urge your close attention to these paragraphs in connecton with the coupon (left) and our sub-getting program outlined on page 5. Our office will supply you with subscriber lists in your state, city or town.

IN MONTANA THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN is one of our best organizers. Nine out of ten supporters of the fight for peace, freedom and security will subscribe to the GUARDIAN. An important part of Progressive Party work is to collect these "subs" and keep them renewed.

We see some of our supporters only once a year. The GUARDIAN is a most important connecting link. It is the best assurance that these people will know the facts behind the news and have the answers to the questions of the day. But many people subscribe only when someone takes their money and sends it in. The best-intentioned readers fail to renew on their own initiative because of oversight, or partial indifference.

We have found special "drives" inadequate. They always miss a number of subs that can be gained by a constant approach. Also we have many readers and potential subscribers who live from 20 to 500 miles from the PP office or any functioning PP group. We seldom see these people. So we have to promote the GUARDIAN every day.

AT MEETINGS we quickly check the GUARDIAN status of those present. When making individual contact with a member or supporter on any other matter we also check his or her GUARDIAN status.

If the sub expires within the next four months we push for a renewal. Most people will renew in advance (both to help the paper and save themselves the job of sending off the renewal later on.) By establishing advance renewal as a practice, unnecessary expirations are greatly reduced.

Every new contact reported to us is mailed 3 sample copies of the GUARDIAN along with a subscription envelope. The first time we meet this person we follow through.

PEOPLE drawn to us on a particular issue are given GUARDIANS containing articles on that question. GUARDIAN issues vary in their appeal to any one individual. In introducing the GUARDIAN we make a special effort to choose the issue or issues which we think will be of greatest interest.

To facilitate this daily approach, we arrange the Montana counties alphabetically; under each county we arrange alphabetically the postoffices where the GUARDIAN is going; and under each postoffice we arrange the individuals alphabetically—with their GUARDIAN expiration date in front of their name. We type the lists in this form on sheets for our notebook. We can check anyone's GUARDIAN status in five seconds. Every new sub or renewal is entered on these lists when it is sent in. The list is our memory. Every four months we correct our list and retype it. A number of individuals take the lists for their counties and follow through in the above manner.

NO MATTER HOW BUSY WE ARE, there is always time for a minute for the GUARDIAN. That's all it takes. That minute does more to advance the Progressive Party than any other single minute we spend.

Washington heads for an explosion

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was indicated by Alvarez del Vayo (**Nation**, 5/17):

> . . . Demands are multiplying in every NATO country—and in Germany too—that the U. S. abandon its opposition to the conference on German unification proposed by Stalin. Diplomatic pressure, about which so little has appeared in the press, was so insistent during the last fortnight that Washington finally gave ground, declaring itself as at least not opposed in principle to such a conference.

Italy

Vie Nuove, Rome

De Gasperi: "Let's stop this quibbling and unite Italy and Trieste under one flag."

With by-elections in Southern Italy scheduled for May 25, Washington and the de Gasperi government (once called by Communist leader Togliatti "the provisional government of Italy") worried over the prospect of left-wing mayors in Rome and in bitterly impoverished southern communities. Prof. Luigi Gedda, said to represent an extreme right-wing sector of the Vatican and recently named to head Catholic Action, lay political arm of the Pope, warned of a Left victory "if the anti-communist forces do not unite." The forces to be united include the Monarchists, the outright fascist Italian Social Movement and Premier de Gasperi's Christian Democrats.

De Gasperi, who has said he will deal with the question of unity with fascists "each case on its merits," governs an uneasy Italy beset in boom years by unemployment, now facing what the **Wall St. Journal** (5/9) calls a "recession." One Roman economist said: "The Italian economy has entered a phase of depression." De Gasperi has failed to solve the unemployment problem, whittled down promises of land reform.

Politically he has held his own by a system for rigging elections so that a party, though it may have the most votes (as did the Communists in last year's northern municipal elections), may be denied proportional representation unless it commands an absolute majority. His party holds a majority of seats in Rome's council though in 1947 it polled thousands of votes less than the Communists. The candidate of the Left in Rome is ex-Premier Nitti, independent Senator described by Alexander Werth (**New Statesman & Nation**) as "a sort of 80-year-old Italian Bevanite."

N. Africa, Mediterranean

The much-denied Adm. Fechteler report, calling war "inevitable," pictures Africa as a base for World War III and to re-enter the continent via Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia; requires elimination of Britain and France from these key areas of their imperial strategy. U. S. insistence on, and British resistance to, a U. S. admiral in command of the Mediterranean is part of this struggle. British reaction was indicated by the London **Daily Mail** which cried:

> We sometimes wonder what the U. S. thinks we are. After all, the British Empire is not some Central American Republic.

The same struggle lies behind the maneuvers in Greece, where U. S. Ambassador Peurifoy is working for the downfall of the Plastiras government to bring strong-man Gen. Papagos to power. British-U. S. relations in Greece are so strained that not one U. S. official attended a ceremony unveiling a monument to Commonwealth war dead. Field Marshal Montgomery, who suggested in Athens that Greece, beset by economic difficulties, reduce its armed forces, was required to reverse himself completely after talks with U. S. diplomats (**N. Y. Times**, 5/14).

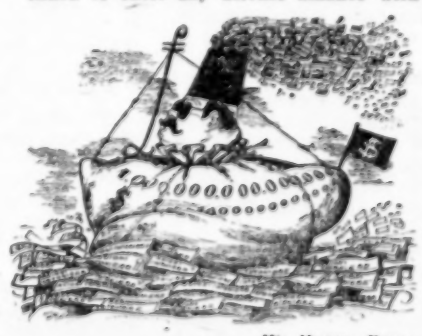
The U. S.-backed Papagos camp stepped up its charges that the Plastiras government was not dealing strongly enough with "Communist activity." Following the execution of four Greek liberation fighters, including Communist leader Nicholas Beloyannis, the government last week began the trial of Tony Ambatielos and nine other Greek Maritime Union leaders. Ambatielos has been under death sentence since Nov., 1948, was elected to parliament but never allowed to take his seat.

VIOLENCE IN TUNISIA: The struggle between the U. S. and France, and between both and the Tunisian independence movement, bloodily continued in the N. African "protectorate." The U. S. stand with France against the moderate home-rule demands of the independence movement has alienated Arab and Asian peoples, provoked widespread protest even in the U. S. Last week the French cracked down again, tightened an existing curfew, surrounded the Bey's palace with troops as newspapers continued to suppress reports of Korea-style terror against Tunisians in scores of towns and villages.

In New York the 13-nation Arab-Asian bloc accused France of holding the Bey prisoner (he broadcast to his people demanding they end violence against the French), forcing him to do its bidding; the bloc appealed to UN and world opinion to halt French use of force and was campaigning for a special Assembly session.

The U. S.-British struggle sharpened in Egypt, where Washington has been pressing Britain for concessions to King Farouk over sovereignty of the Sudan and where the people's resistance holds back the plans of both imperial powers. "The basic fact of the matter," reported the **N. Y. Times** (5/18),

> . . . is that Egypt is so overwhelmingly neutralist in sentiment and so little inclined to enter any defense alliance with



Vie Nuove, Rome

Farouk sails the Nile

> teeth in it, that the difference between getting out of the canal base with an Anglo-Egyptian agreement or without an Anglo-Egyptian agreement seems at the present moment to be a difference of no great consequence.

Far East

Nowhere were Washington's policies nearer to explosion than in the Far East, where Chinese and Korean POW's on Koje Island had gone far to expose the hoax perpetrated to prevent a Korean armistice. An answering note of embarrassed fury was struck in Defense Secy. Lovett's threat: "They'll wish they'd never been born."

James Reston (**NYT**, 5/16) thought there would be no "fundamental decisions" by Washington in Asia or Europe for the next eight months. Most Washington comment agreed with **U. S. News** (5/16) that there would be no extension of the war should the truce talks break down. But there were signs that Washington might try, if not to extend it geographically, to step up the killing.

ATOMIC OMENS: Following Korean charges that the U. S. is using POW's for experiments "with poison gas, germ weapons and atomic bombs," a **UP** dispatch (5/14) and an **AP** dispatch (5/17) from "somewhere in Korea" reported that 10,000 U. S. troops were engaged in

> . . . front line tests to determine how efficiently combat troops can operate when faced with a threat of an atomic attack. No atomic bombs are used in the test.

Since neither China nor Korea has A-bombs, the announcement of Operation Mushroom's purpose raised questions. Description of the operations, still mostly secret—"communications installations and the corps' vital facilities have gone deeply underground"—suggested the UN Command might be preparing for use or testing of atomic weapons. The possibility was strengthened by Lovett's statement that Korean charges of germ warfare prove they themselves expect to wage such warfare, and his threat of manyfold retaliation with even worse weapons.

Louisville Courier Journal

THE ETERNAL QUESTION?

POW "POLL" AFTERMATH: Washington's dilemma was acute. Its own officials have said that POW repatriation is the only major issue holding up a truce. In violation of the Geneva Conventions of 1929 and 1949 the U. S. has insisted on voluntary repatriation, claiming that 100,000 POW's it held did not want to be repatriated. The Koreans and Chinese have insisted that the U. S. is using Rhee Koreans and Chiang Chinese (these are admittedly employed in the camps as "educators" and "intelligence experts") to force POW's to say they won't go home.

When the Koje Island prisoners dramatically captured Gen. Dodd, they secured an admission that just such practices had been going on in the written promise from Dodd's successor Gen. Colson: "There will be no more forcible screening or any rearming of prisoners in this camp, nor will any attempt be made at nominal screening." Colson's promises were repudiated by UN Supreme Commander Gen. Clark and the Pentagon, but the prisoners had got their story to the world. The **New Statesman & Nation** (5/17) wrote:

> . . . Serious grounds exist for asking whether the scores of thousands of refusals to return are as genuine as Admiral Joy's stand for moral principle would suggest. Between April 4 and April 19, 200 UN soldiers conducted the "poll" of 170,000 prisoners in which only 70,000 declared for repatriation—a reduction of 46,000 from the total given by the American truce team on April 1, when the Communists were willing to drop the principle of total exchange if 116,000 of the 170,000 were released.

Death threatens Huk ex-GI in Philippines

SINCE the arrest of William J. Pomeroy and his wife in the jungled Sierra Madre Mountains in northern Luzon, Philippine Islands, last April 11 (GUARDIAN, April 23), news of them has been sparse. Pomeroy, who first went to the Philippines as an Air Force sergeant in World War II, returned there after his discharge, studied at the Philippines University; seeing a great and good change being worked by the militant Huks, he went into the hills to join them in the conviction he must do so or betray his own principles.

A week after the Pomeroys' capture (Mrs. Celia Mariano Pomeroy is the daughter of a general socially prominent in Manila), Defense Secy. Ramon Magsaysay cabled an assurance to Pomeroy's mother, Mrs. Bertha Pomeroy, 560 Seward St., Rochester, N.Y., that he would be treated "with all justice," given "every opportunity to defend himself." But the **Philippines Herald** for April 13 reported:

> William Pomeroy deserves no less than death, Defense Secy. Ramon Magsaysay said last night. . . . All the resources at the command of the Philippine government will be harnessed to get a death sentence for Pomeroy, who will be tried under Philippine laws, Magsaysay said.

"TREASON" TO WHAT? A U. S. Embassy spokesman said a death sentence would "be O. K. with the United States." The N. Y. **Times** (4/13) denounced Pomeroy as "a double traitor—to his own country and to the country in which he served."

Others had different definitions of "traitor." Last week a small group of progressives undertook the job of creating a defense; remembering the bitter exploitation of the Philippines by the U. S., Bill Pomeroy to them seemed the conscience of the American people. The sponsoring group is headed by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois; communications (and any possible support) can be addressed to Lawrence Emery, Room 1300, 11 W. 42d St., N. Y. 36.

LABOR

4 conventions strike out at witch hunts

AMERICAN labor, facing problems of war, unemployment and new legislative restrictions, met last week in four sectors: steel, packinghouse, clothing, fur.

STEEL: ANGRY MOOD: In Philadelphia 3,000 delegates to the CIO United Steelworkers' convention warned they would not continue indefinitely to work without a contract or for 1950 wages. While they cheered the no contract-no work slogan the issue still seemed to hang on lawyers' briefs: Big Steel and the union argued before the Supreme Court the legality of the President's seizure and whether or not the President could authorize a wage rise compromise ordered by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The **United Mine Workers Journal** said editorially (reflecting John L. Lewis' views):

> The steelworkers were the forgotten men of this clamorous encounter in which the principal antagonists were management and the White House.

Labor Secy. Tobin in a speech lined up the Administration (in this election year the Democratic Party) with the union. President Truman's foreign policy was endorsed again. But the convention unanimously denounced the Smith Act and the McCarran Act and concluded that the danger

> . . . from Communist activities has been dwarfed in recent months by the subversive activities of reactionary forces.

CLOTHING: PLAIN TALK: The same witch-hunt and anti-labor legislation worried the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers' convention in Atlantic City. But delegates heard Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, probe more deeply into the roots of U. S. policy. He denounced the imperialism of "our allies" which he said could not exist a day "without our support," called for a peaceful discussion of differences with the socialist nations, and urged a "left-of-center government" in Washington. He also said:

> "It is not a question of whether the people of Africa and Asia and Latin America can trust us, but whether God can trust us. . . . There is one good thing in communism. They [the Communists] believe that the world-wide conquest of the struggle for existence is possible. . . . This disease [jim crow] emanating from the former slave states and radiating out to the entire nation has captured both parties. . . . "

ACW President Jacob Potofsky spent five minutes refuting Dr. Johnson while "defending your right to say it."

PACKINGHOUSE: PLAGUE ON BOTH: The CIO United Packinghouse Workers

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"THERE CAN BE NO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT A THIRD PARTY"

Dr. DuBois keynotes huge Madison Sq. Garden rally

In great and deep pride that such a fighter, such a scholar, such a poet and such a man should be the keynoter of the Progressive Party-ALP 1952 election campaign, the GUARDIAN here presents the full text of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois' speech at last week's Madison Sq. Garden rally. That all progressives are united in this pride, and strengthened by it, was manifest from the ovations given Dr. DuBois by the great crowd before, during and after his speech.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois moved the crowd with his masterful keynote address (see text). ALP State Chairman Vito Marcantonio put fight into the meeting, declared: "The days of rear-guard actions are beginning to end for us. We now take the counter-offensive."

Many stormed the platform to shake hands with V
Mrs. Bass, for 40 years a fighting Negro editor an
men bent on raiding her office, said: "These men w
rorize the world, but they are the frightened one

WHAT is wrong with the United States? We are an intelligent, rich and powerful nation. Yet today we are confused and frightened. We fear poverty, unemployment and jail. We are suspicious not only of enemies but especially of friends. We shrink before the world and are ready to make war on everybody. Gen. Eisenhower has assured us that "we can lick the world," and we are preparing to spend seventy billions of dollars to do it, even when we do not know whom to fight or why or how. Of the 35 civilized nations of the world, we and Japan are the only ones which have refused to sign the International Treaty promising not to resort to germ warfare; and it is widely charged that we are now using bacteria in China.

We face today a national election, to exercise the greatest prerogative of citizenship, in order to decide our future policy as to peace and war; trade and commerce; taxation, wages and prices; unemployment; social progress in housing, flood control, education, sickness and old age; honesty in public service; labor union rights and civil rights.

These are the tremendous problems before us which we are supposed to settle in broad outline, and yet apparently we will not have real opportunity to pass judgment on any of these questions.

Deprived of the facts

We are deprived from day to day of knowledge of the real facts. Our sons fight and die and we cannot learn how or why. Deaths by bullets are reported, but deaths by freezing and disease are concealed. We are allowed no free discussion on platform or over radio; in newspapers or periodicals. Nearly every independent thinker has been silenced, while stool-pigeons, traitors and professed liars, picked by wealth, industry and power, can talk to the nation unhampered and ungagged.

We know that the nation is spending far more money than it is collecting or can collect, and that rising prices, pushed by huge private profits, are putting the cost of living ever beyond a decent standard of living for most of us. Our industry and continued employment depend largely on foreign trade, yet we are stopping foreign trade by cutting down imports and refusing to buy the goods we need from the nations who want to sell. Unless we continue to make and export weapons and war our economy may utterly collapse. Continually prices are outrunning wages, yet union labor, led too often by reactionary or stupid men, is under increasing and coordinated attack, and its energies dissipated by internal division.

We are spending millions on misleading advertising to increase private profit in patent medicines, toothpaste, and junk. We are faced by increasing graft and stealing and lying in high office, and the highest office is afraid to investigate lest we know the thieves by names.

We are no longer free to travel, to speak our minds. We are money-mad. Greed and wealth have chained the brute of power.

There are no two parties

What can we do about it? How can we face and heal our plight? Not by silence, not by fear; not by voting again for the same old parties and going continually over the same mumbo-jumbo of meaningless elections. We are boasting we are free when we are not free even to cast our ballots. We are peddling freedom to the world and daring them to oppose it and bribing them kindly to accept it, and dropping death on those who refuse it; while we, the real victims, whose taxes furnish the bribes and whose dead and crippled and insane children furnish the soldiers, sit and ask with vacant faces: for whom shall we vote, which candidate shall we vote for, and if you please, dear candidate—will you kindly please tell us: what the hell do you stand for anyway? Is it too much for us to ask Your Majesty?

Yet we are fooling nobody, not even ourselves. We have now no choice. There are no two parties. There is no choice of candidates whether his name is Eisenhower or Taft, Kefauver or Stassen or Warren, Dulles or Dewey, Joe or Charlie McCarthy. All of them listen to their master's voice, the steel trust, the aluminum trust, the rubber combine, the automobile industry; oil, power, plastics, the railroads, tobacco, copper, chemicals and coca-cola, telegraph and telephone; liquor, radio and movie—all of the more than 200 giant corporations which wield the power that owns the press and the magazines, and determines what news the news agencies will distribute; what opinions the publishers will print, and what the movies will screen. They are united in that super-Congress of which the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers is the upper house and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce is the lower, which are preparing world war to rule mankind and reduce again the worker not simply to slavery but to idiocy.

In that hierarchy you will not vote, you will only pay taxes. They will name the candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties, and call their platform a bi-partisan foreign policy, which means one party abroad and one dictatorship at home. And they will furnish the huge slush fund which regularly runs the campaigns and buys the elections.

A Third Party or die!

What can you do about it? Vote for a Third Party. There is no other way. A Third Party or die!

There can be no democracy without a third party. Two parties may for a time represent two policies, two aims, two kinds of administration. But sooner or later they will blend. The office-holders and administrators whose aim is spoils, will crowd to the wall the workers and thinkers, and both parties will blend into one combine, with one aim and one policy, one kettle of graft and one pool of grafters; one set of lies and one bunch of liars. Only a Third Party, or real knowledge that one can arise, will make a genuine political campaign, decent, straightforward candidates who dare say what they stand for and tell us who is paying their bills, and bring honest elections where the votes are counted and the voters count, where no 50,000 votes for a McCarran in a gambler's paradise like Nevada can outweigh two million votes in Illinois or New York; or a lynching grafter of Georgia head an un-American farce in Congress.

You say a Third Party is impossible? It will be if the old parties can make it; can keep Third Party candidates off the ballot; can deny them publicity; can call them Presbyterians, Catholics or Communists. A Third Party becomes impossible so long as the voters think so. You say such a party campaign is hard? It is hard and it will be harder, as long as one organized group of grafters bribed by big business, and a body of voters deprived of the truth and scared to death by gangsters and fools, can run our elections. Their policy is clear; keep the Third Party off the ballot; keep publicity on the real issues out of the press and off the radio; smear everybody who dares think; yell Russia and China; throw fits when anybody dares talk sense; cheat and lie; count the Republocrats into office and then tax, kill and cripple until the whole rotten private profit edifice crashes about our ears as it did 20 years ago, and the big banks and corporations again come crawling to you for alms, gifts and handouts, and for socialist legislation.

Peace — if we dare vote for it

If we are going to have democracy in America, we must organize the Third Party by homes and blocks; we must jam meetings and halls. We must contribute our little dollars, remembering that the dollars of the masses can outweigh the huge endowments of the business foundations, and that full employment and high wages which now depend on murder and destruction can have a more civilized foundation in housing, hospitals and schools. We must listen to facts and read reason instead of being entertained by stupid radio and television advertisements and tawdry, vulgar pictures. We must know the issues and talk about them and tell others. We must unite our wards, villages and cities into a nation, and in November, rain or shine, cast our votes for Hallinan and Bass, not for generals or college presidents or rich men's babies.

Vote! That is what democracy is for. There is no question: We can have peace if we want peace, we can have war if we want war, and if we don't know what we want or don't dare tell, we will get whatever makes the most money for those who own Congress. We can get low taxes, social security, housing and slum clearance; social medicine; cheap light, heat and telephone service; decent schools taught by teachers with guts; streetcar fares spent on passengers and not on subway bonds born in dishonesty; all this any people can have, if they dare vote for it.

America will stand and march

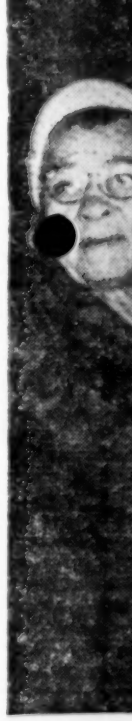
I am not one who despairs even when brasshats and thieves seem triumphant and it costs a man life, liberty and happiness to dare express his opinions, when this nation is about to be black-jacked into electing as President a war-maker who cannot reveal a policy because he has none to reveal; when we have crime because there is no essential ethical difference between private theft, big business methods and public graft.

Beneath this stampede and filth; this deception and fear, there is a real America like that of which our fathers dreamed, and dreamed almost in vain from 1776 to 1864. Dreamed and persisted in dreaming and in striving and pushing Third Party movements despite the Supreme Court and mobs; while in the face of the Declaration of Independence my fathers were being bought and sold as real estate. Nobody was more arrogant than the slave barons of the cotton kingdom. They strutted along Broadway with airs and impudence that scared most Americans then as their successors are scared today, when anybody who speaks of peace with the Soviet Union can be showered with tomato juice, while policemen grin between their trials for graft.

Yet America crawled out of the darkness and and dungeon to decency and will crawl again today—crawl to stand and march. Out of caves of fear they will creep as once men crept in the dawn of civilization when beasts had driven them to caverns down beneath the sun, where they cowered and whined: with hope and heaven lost and lost so long, men said there is no honesty, no truth. There can be no freedom, no democracy, no peace. Crouch lower, yield, conform, give up!

But some never lost faith, never ceased to struggle toward the stars. They let men jeer, until at last down there at the edge of hope somebody pointed, another groaned, and a third screamed. They all stood, staggered and walked out into the night, looked up and saw the light; and a chorus swelled:

It is the stars, it is the ancient stars,
It is the old and everlasting stars.



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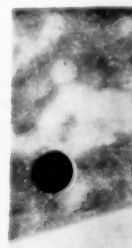

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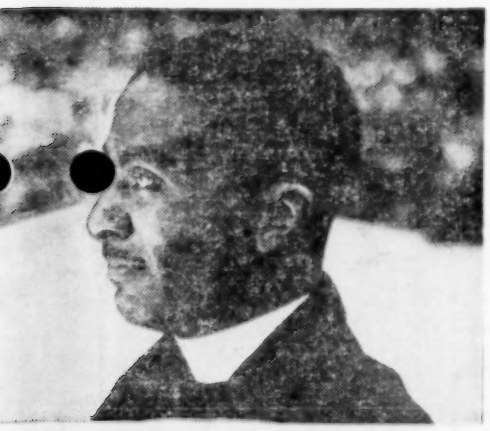
was asked

with Vice-Presidential candidate Charlotta Bass. tor and publisher, who once scared off Klansmen who rule us, rule with a lie. They try to terred ones, themselves." Photos by ASP Photo Workshop

women, one Negro, one white, carry the party's paign: Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Hallinan, who stumps rously while her husband, PP Presidential can- te Vincent Hallinan, is in prison for his vigorous nse of Harry Bridges. Mrs. Hallinan, the mother ix boys, summoned the rally "to fight for the lives of our children."



's blessing on a fight for peace and freedom asked in invocation by ALP State Secy. Rev. Edward D. MacGowan.

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Drop me a line or call me with your OK.

As ever,
Helen

FOLLOW UP, FOLLOW UP, FOLLOW UP!

Keep after your list until you've accounted for everyone on it, just as if you were going after union memberships. You know as well as we do that people who pride themselves as progressives, in these times, will welcome the GUARDIAN and thank you for the weekly information it brings that they can't get elsewhere.

'Free speech, free men, living in a world of peace'

Here are highlights from other speeches at the Madison Sq. Garden rally:

CHARLOTTA BASS: "Why have both of these parties [Rep. and Dem.] betrayed the promises made to the people? It is because their policies are geared to war. When they spend our country's wealth on making war and preparing for war, they cannot spend for our people's security. They deny money for flood control in Missouri and Nebraska—to place tanks and planes in Germany and Indo-China. They cut housing and let Negroes live 4,000 to the square block in Harlem—but raise arms for the French and British to repress the colonial peoples of Asia. They cannot permit freedom at home or equality."

VIVIAN HALLINAN: "I want to know what cause my children are asked to die for. And I am not accepting the statements of a lot of corporation lawyers whose interests have elected them senators; or professional murderers who operate under the title of generals. I know how long and painful it is to bring forth life. They only know how short and easy it is to destroy it."

VITO MARCANTONIO: "I'll make some predictions: The Chase National Bank and the National City Bank never lost a Republican convention. That's the gang behind Eisenhower. Taft would like to have them and that's why he's sucking around. . . . 1952 will mark the disintegration of the Democratic Party as we know it because it has failed to be a party of the opposition. . . . We, the lineal political descendants of the Free Soilers, must inscribe on our banners: 'Free speech, free men, living in a world of peace. . . .' We now take the counter-offensive into the streets, up the stairways, to the mines and mills, to retrieve the hopes of the American people and save the peace of the world."

DR. CORLISS LAMONT: "The danger to freedom of opinion is far greater than after the First World War because violations of the Bill of Rights are more widespread, because silence through self-censorship has become the prevailing pattern and because the enemies of free speech, instead of resorting to crude violence, are suppressing dissenters through unconstitutional legislation, government decrees and the weak-kneed acquiescence of the courts of justice in these procedures."

VINCENT HALLINAN
He'll be back to fight

C. B. BALDWIN: "The Progressive Party was organized nationally in 1948 because so many people had lost faith in both the Democratic and Republican parties. It is the party visualized by Franklin D. Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie in 1944, when they saw the hopelessness of the two old parties controlled by machines and dominated by big business. . . . Our party fights for the freedom of the colonial peoples and for the landless, the oppressed and the disinherited. We fight for the rights of labor in their constant struggle for adequate wages and better working conditions. We know that our political liberty is not safe as long as any individual or any group is denied their democratic right to organize, to speak and to travel anywhere at any time. Denial of these rights to Communists yesterday is merely the pretext for denying the same rights to everyone tomorrow—labor, a scientist, a Negro leader, a churchman."

DR. EDWARD K. BARSKY, surgeon in the Int'l. Brigade in the Spanish Civil War: "There can be no peace as long as fascism exists in Spain or anywhere else. . . . An alliance with fascism is an alliance for war."

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meeting in Denver denounced both Republicans and Democrats for failure to enact civil rights and FEPC legislation, sent wires to Pres. Truman and Florida's Gov. Fuller Warren expressing "horror and indignation" at the assassination of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore and of Samuel Shepherd, one of the Groveland Four.

FUR: 30-HOUR WEEK: The Intl. Fur and Leather Workers Union (independent) in Chicago mapped a campaign for a 30-hour week in the industry and a southern organizing drive. The union called for labor unity behind "Roosevelt's progressive program of democracy, security, trade and peace." It reported 10,000 new members and wage increases averaging 17c an hour since its expulsion from CIO in 1950.

CONGRESS: BUST LABOR: Congress, taking its cue from Big Steel, was considering various legislation to curb, break or outlaw strikes. The House Armed Services Comm. (conferring with CIO and AFL leaders) was working out a measure to rule out strikes in basic industries during "emergencies." Other proposed legislation would use laws against business monopoly to hog-tie unions, throw both company and union into receivership if a strike threatened (the new Smith labor bill); ban industry-wide bargaining outright (thus destroying most unions); compel arbitration in "labor courts."

With labor largely tied to the Administration, Big Business slated 1953 for its final assault. **U. S. News and World Report** summed up:

Exactly what type of limitation will be applied to labor-leader power depends upon the individual and the party taking office in 1953. Some form of limit on the use of strike power is in the cards.

FREEDOMS

Another Negro shot in streets of N. Y.

ENUS L. CHRISTIANI, 36, former football star at W. Virginia State College, a veteran with three years' combat infantry service in Italy, was a graduate economics student attending evening sessions at New York University. His thesis completed, his master's degree was to be awarded next month. He will never get it.

Christiani was a Negro, militant in defense of his people and—as a leading member of a Fair Employment Practices Committee in his neighborhood—in fighting for jobs for them. On May 9 he attended a block party at Washington Square park held to raise funds for an NYU student building. A booth erected by the lily-white Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority's NYU chapter featured a dart game; the target was a caricature of a Negro woman's head. Christiani and other students protested the racial insult; the target was altered, but there had been some angry words. As the party was breaking up after midnight, Christiani was shot and killed by NYU special guard James Giordano.

Giordano's excuse: that Christiani had gone "berserk," fought him and a porter when they sought to restrain him from overturning tables and booths. Student leaders and others denied the charge; Christiani's widow Natalia told reporters:

"He was always so calm and unruffled. I would sometimes get upset and excited and he would always calm me."

SHADOW OF JIMCROW: Whatever the incident, the fact was plain: another Negro had been shot to death on New York's streets. Background to this latest killing is a harsh jimcrow policy at NYU directed at both students and employes. Said a student leader:

"If the university had a policy of equality of employment, and if there had been Negro guards as well as white guards on the scene, Christiani might not have been shot."

Services for Christiani were held May 13 in a Harlem church; some 1,000 neighbors and schoolmates attended, pledged to avenge his death. The Civil Rights Congress, the American Labor Party, the NYU chapter of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, student groups and other organizations denounced the killing, demanded indictment of Giordano for murder, disarming of school guards, indemnity to Christiani's family.

The Christiani killing will be a major point at a CRC rally in Golden Gate Ballroom, 142nd St. and Lenox Av., on May 22, anniversary of the execution of Willie McGee by the state of Mississippi on a hollow "rape" charge. The rally will also protest the Yonkers, N. Y., murder of Negro brothers James and Wyatt Blacknall by a retired policeman angered by their presence in the same tavern with him (GUARDIAN, April 9); will demand a special N. Y. State Commission to investigate violence against Negroes.

From 3 to 10 per cent

In a school board election in Long Island's Levittown housing project, the American Labor Party proposed a set of principles including peace, full equality and employment of Negro teachers, elimination of religious ceremonies in public schools, repeal of the Feinberg thought-control law for teachers, honest textbooks, higher salaries, more federal and state aid. ALP offered to support any one of five candidates who would campaign for one or more of these points. Getting no takers, ALP entered its own candidate, Mrs. Dulcie Johnson, and tripled its vote in the project from 3 to nearly 10 per cent.

CALENDAR

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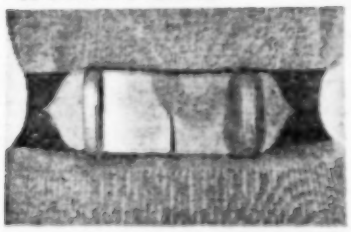

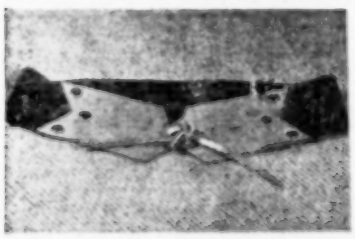

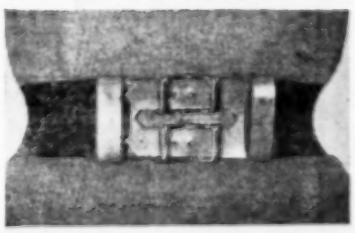

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Behind the attack on the Rosenberg defense

By William A. Reuben

ABOUT two months ago five women in Los Angeles, representing no one and nothing but their own and America's conscience, decided to do something to bring the facts of the Rosenberg Case to their community. By last week their first meeting had snowballed into more than 40, created a stir in a dozen West Coast and Midwest cities that brought the case to the attention of hundreds of thousands.

I left New York in mid-April to speak at one large meeting and some small gatherings in Los Angeles. When I returned last week there had been public meetings on the Rosenberg Case in L. A., Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Long Beach, La Crescenta, San Fernando Valley, Burbank, San Francisco, Oakland, Redwood City, Marin County, Portland, Milwaukee and Detroit—and house gatherings in all these places, with turn-outs rangings from 40 to 200 persons.

THEY ARE AMERICA: The diversity of backgrounds, beliefs and economic status of those who sparked the meetings was as varied as their energy, selflessness, resourcefulness and hard work were unending. They add up to "America" as in Earl Robinson's **Ballad for Americans**: trade unionists, businessmen, housewives, fruit growers, college professors, ministers, social workers, printers, salesmen, students, lawyers, doctors, actors, writers and many more. These are the people who through leaflet distribution,

ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG
There was a precedent in the Warsaw ghetto

newspaper ads and releases, press conferences, posters, handbills, mailings and plain phone- and doorbell-ringing have brought the facts out into the open. These too, of course, are the people who in response to the GUARDIAN series last fall made possible the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, by their money contributions which most of them could not "afford."

The best barometer of how effective they have been is the kind of attack leveled against them (after nearly two years of silence) by "respectable" Jewish organizations of the nation now busy appeasing on every level.

IT'S A PLOT: "The Communists," warns the **Bulletin** of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, "hope to bludgeon the Jewish community to its support." In an article with the byline of Oliver Pilat, a reporter on the N. Y. **Post** who seems to be a spokesman for organized Jewry on the Rosenberg Case, the advice is given: "It is important that the guilt 'beyond reasonable doubt' of the Rosenbergs be stressed."

While the American Jewish Committee's **Reporter** newsletter (May 3) exhorts readers to "be on guard against the vicious Communist campaign to save the Rosenbergs," a two-page letter from Pilat to the editor of AJC"s **Commentary** is being circulated throughout the country by AJC and the Jewish Defense Appeal. In a covering note Irving M. Engel, JDA chairman, calls the formation of Rosenberg committees

> . . . a Communist Party maneuver . . . divisive CP action. . . . Both the ADL and the JDC have alerted the various appropriate Jewish organizations in localities from coast to coast.

Referring to the widespread distribution of Pilat's letter, Engel's note ends:

> The action of AJC and ADL in combatting the Rosenberg Committee is but one example of how your JDA funds are being used in behalf of the Community.

FACTS ARE SUBVERSIVE: In the ADL **Bulletin** Pilat denies any "intent to either condemn or condone the death sentence," and proceeds to ignore almost totally the facts of the case. In similar fashion a 13-page memorandum without a byline, being circulated nationally under the imprint of Jewish Information of the American Jewish Committee, denies in advance any possible charge that it is interested in facts: it

> . . . does not deal with the facts of the case itself or the merits or demerits of the death sentence.

Both organizations are solely concerned with "proving" a Comunist plot to inject the "Jewish issue" into the case. That the GUARDIAN's taking up of the case was all part of this plot is thus proven in the AJC memorandum:

> Reuben used the same arguments that had appeared in May, 1951, in Jewish Life: that Russia was an ally during the last war, that no traitor for the enemy had received the death sentence, and that experts have said there are no atomic secrets.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE: Insignificant in himself, Pilat is a cog in the appeasement machine known as the New York **Post**, an afternoon paper working closely with the wealthy, frightened clique controlling the big Jewish organizations. Jewish Americans with slightly longer memories see a chapter of history in Europe, which ended just seven years ago, repeating itself. As the GUARDIAN noted on March 26:

> Ethel Rosenberg has herself introduced the term which most grimly fits the whole situation, including the role of the N. Y. Post: "This is the way the Judenrat performed for the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto." The Judenrat was a Jewish authority set up by the Nazis to collect taxes and penalties from Jews, to quell resistance and to expedite their departure for concentration camps and gas chambers. The furnaces eventually claimed Judenrat collaborators with their victims. . . .

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